

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of December 11, 2006**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectman Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi (absent), Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Listers Chair Phyllis Murphy, Lister Chris Bradley, Lister Charlene Lathrop, Steve Jeffrey, Greg Sanders, and Bob Tucker.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. **November 27, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **November 30, 2006 (Budget Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **December 4, 2006 (Budget Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. **Warrant #12-07.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #12-07 in the amount of \$24,920.95. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **Fred White: Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD).** Mr. White was unable to attend. Chair Wallace provided handouts of information for consideration regarding what Northfield expects from the CVSWMD, what services CVSWMD should provide, etc. The CVSWMD Board will meet next January and Chair Wallace would like input from anyone who is interested before then.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 - 1. **VLCT Leadership Program.** As a result of the Municipal employees' participation in the wellness program, we have received a check for \$5701.00 as a reward for excellent participation.
 - 2. **Budget Meetings.** There will be meetings at 6:30 p.m. next Monday (12/18/06) and Thursday (12/21/06) of next week.
 - 3. **New Personnel Policy.** The Municipal employees have until this Friday (12/15/06) to provide comments to the Manager.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 - 1. **Town Meeting Warning Article.** There was a memo from the Town Clerk regarding an article that needs to be added in response to a new law on how the State will disperse tax payments directly to the Town. Two (2) possible wordings of the article were in the memo. The Board will confer with the Town Clerk on which is more applicable to Northfield.
 - 2. **VCDP Public Hearing.** There will be a public hearing held on Monday, January 22, 2007 (prior to the regular Selectboard meeting) regarding an application for a Vermont Community Development Program grant.

3. **Northfield Falls Ice Rink.** The new ice rink has been installed but is not yet up and running.
4. **Northfield Ambulance Service Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale.** Please stop by the Ambulance Bay to pick up a tree or wreath.
5. **Town Meeting Petitions.** Petitions are available at the Town Clerk's Office for those who wish to run for office or have an article added to the warning.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items

- a. **Bob Tucker.** Mr. Tucker stated that he attended court today on his case against the Listers. He suggests that the Selectboard budget extra money for legal fees.
- b. **Bob Tucker:** Mr. Tucker stated the Listers lowered the value of Mr. Crowley's lots and this affected the value of his properties. He states that by taking the \$55,000 from Mr. Crowley's property, you have added \$0.02 to the tax rate. Mr. Tucker would like to see the Listers eliminated and for us to hire professional appraisers. Lister Chris Bradley provided some background history on this, including phone calls from the District 5 Act 250 Office, indicating that the sub-division in question has been discontinued. In addition, some of the Crowley property was on the tax rolls twice.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **Personnel Matter.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to change the Municipal employees' medical coverage to a Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan with Business Resource Group. This action is subject to approval by the Board of Village Trustees and by the three (3) member IBEW bargaining unit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.